

## LITTLE OLD NEW-YORK

By Norman

New York, Jan. 15.—If its plans, made and filed more than three years ago, are carried out, the old eight-story building of the Equitable Life will be succeeded by the tallest office structure in the world, far overtopping the Singer building, the Metropolitan tower, and the Woolworth building, now under construction, whose 750 feet had promised to hold the local altitude record.

The Equitable's plans were filed with the building department in June, 1908. The call for a 62-story building, 909 feet high, to cost approximately \$10,000,000. The Woolworth building is to have 55 stories, the Metropolitan tower has 50, the Singer building 41.

In another respect the new edifice will be a record-breaker, as it will occupy the most expensive sky-scraper site in the world, the estimated value of the plot of land bounded by Broadway, Nassau, Cedar and Pine sts., being valued at from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

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Florence Reed, an actress, had her face slapped by an expressman, a few evenings ago, because she went to a taxicab stand to call a taxi, instead of submitting to the extortion of a taxi pirate whose machine was at her service in the street. The expressman, who was at the stand, called her a "cheap skate," and then assaulting her. He is now in the Tombs.

This is merely a sample of the perils women are exposed to in this city, where ruffians behave in a manner that seems incredible in its boldness. A girl from California had an experience within the past few days that has almost made her afraid to live in New York.

She is wealthy, and is stopping with friends at a hotel. She lost a gold bracelet, advertised for it, and paid a rough-looking man \$25 reward for the return.

The man wanted more than the advertised sum, and went away grumbling. Then she got two letters, asking her to send more money to a given address. She ignored them. She was in her room at the hotel when the telephone rang, a few evenings later.

A man's voice told her that she was wanted at the police station at once, and that two men were waiting for her at the door of the hotel. The men had disappeared before the hotel people could be notified.

It is not at all unlikely that the girl would have been kidnaped in a taxi if she had gone down to the street.

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### Why Joshua Did it.

Joshua had ordered the sun to stand still.

"You can't take moving pictures by moonlight," he said.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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T. R. is getting monotonous. He has called the New York Post a liar twice hand running. Fie! Fie! Theodore! Don't repeat!